

Proclamation. Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God the father of all mercies admist the vicissitudes and calamities of war to bestow blessings on the people of these States, which call for their devout and thankful acknowledgments; more especially in the late remarkable interposition of his watchful providence ... It is therefore recommended to the several states to set apart Thursday the seventh day of December next, to be observed as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer ... Done in Congress, this eighteenth day of October, 1780, and in the fifth year of the independence of the United States of America. Samuel Huntington, President. State of New-Hampshire. In the House of representatives. November 11, 1780. Voted that the proclamation for a General Thanksgiving, on the seventh day of December next ... be forthwith printed and dispersed to the several worshipping congregations in this State; and that the said day be accordingly observed throughout this State ... John Langdon, Speaker. In Council. November 11, 1780. Read and concurred. E. Thompson, Secretary [Exeter, Printed by Zechariah Fowle 1780].

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PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it hath pleased Almighty GOD the Father of all Mercies, amidst the Vicissitudes and Calamities of War to bestow Blessings on the People of these States, which call for their devout and thankful Acknowledgments; more especially in the late remarkable Interposition of his watchful Providence in rescuing the Person of our Commander in Chief, and the Army from eminent Dangers, at the Moment when Treason was ripened for execution; in prospering the Labours of the Husbandmen, and causing the Earth to yield its Increase in plentiful Harvests; and above all in continuing to us the Enjoyment of the Gospel of Peace:

IT is therefore recommended to the several States to set apart Thursday the Seventh Day of December next, to be observed as a Day of public THANKSGIVING and PRAYER. That all the People may assemble on that Day, to celebrate the Praises, of our Divine Benefactor. To confess our unworthiness of the least of his Favours, and to offer our servent Supplications to the God of all Grace;—that it may please him to pardon our heinous Transgressions, and incline our Hearts for the future to keep all his Laws;— to comfort and relieve our Brethren who are in any wife afflicted or distressed;—to smile upon our Husbandry and Trade;—to direct our public Councils, and lead our Forces by Land and Sea to Victory;—to take our illustrious Ally under his special Protection, and

Favour our joint Councils and Exertions for the establishment of speedy and permanent Peace;— to cherish all Schools and Seminaries of Education, and to cause the Knowledge of Christianity to spread over all the Earth.

DONE in CONGRESS, this Eighteenth Day of October 1780, and in the Fifth Year of the INDEPENDENCE of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, President.

Attest.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE. IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 11, 1780.

VOTED, That the PROCLAMATION for a General THANKSGIVING, on the Seventh Day of December next, received from the honorable the Continental CONGRESS, be forthwith printed and dispersed to the several worshipping Congregations in this State; and that the said Day be accordingly observed throughout this State. And all servile Labour is strictly forbidden on said Day. And that this Vote be annexed to the said Proclamation.

Sent up for Concurrence.

JOHN LANGDON, Speaker.

In COUNCIL, November 11, 1780.

READ and concurred.

E. THOMPSON, Secretary.

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